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SUBJ: RECREATION PROJECTS

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1. KUWAIT MIN OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS SIGNED WITH CALIFORNIA-BASED US FIRM VTN CORP, FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF THEME AMUSEMENT PARK. WE UNDERSTAND FAILAKA ISLAND PROJECT AWARDED TO GREEK FIRM. AMUSEMENT PARK NOW SLATED FOR MAINLAND LOCATION AND NOT RPT NOT ON FAILAKA. KUWAIT RECENTLY SENT TWO REPRESENTATIVES ON PRIVATE VISIT TO US FOR LOOK AT DOMED STADIUM IN HOUSTON. UNDERSECRETARY GOK MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS MENTIONED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT WHILE DOMED STADIUM IS INTERESTING PROJECT IT MAY BE TOO ELABORATE FOR KUWAIT NEEDS. GOK OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO LOOKED AT MORE CONVENTIONAL STADIA IN EUROPE

2. OTHER RECREATIONAL DEVELOPEMENT PLANS NOW CONCENTRATED WITHIN TOURISM AND RECREATION CO., POBOX 1257 SAFAT, KUWAIT. TRC PLANNING SERIES OF BEACH DEVELOPEMENTS EXTENDING FROM POINT JUST SOUTH OF KUWAIT TO SAUDI ARABIAN BORDER. IT LIKELY THAT TRC, WHICH 90 PERCENT GOK OWNED, WILL SUPERVISE AMUSEMENT PARK AND ADMINISTER OTHER TOURISM PROJECTS WHEN DEVELOPED.

3. EMBASSY HAS REFERRED NUMEROUS DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION FIRMS TO TRC AND MIN PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNING THESE PROJECTS. IN ADDITION TO SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL BY US FIRM ON AMUSEMENT PARK,  
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TWO OTHER AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE SUBMITTED DESIGNS FOR BEACH

DEVELOPEMENTS (HOUSES, RELATED FACILITIES).

4. EMBOFSSWILL BE HAPPY TO RELAY BROCHURES OR INFO ON SOM TO TRC AND OTHER KUWAIT AGENCIES WHICH APPROPRIATE. WE UNDERSTAND SOM REGISTERED WITH KUWAIT PLANNING BOARD ALREADY BUT SEPERATE SET OF INFO TO RECREATION COMPANY WOULD BE USEFUL.

5. IN ADDITION TO THESE PLANS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR, EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY KUWAITI BUSINESSMAN FOR HELP IN INITIAL CONTACTS TO ASSIST HIM WITH DESIGN, EQUIPPING AND OPERATING AN ICE SKATING RINK. THIS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

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